

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 575

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Nancy Parvin as the only living charter member of the Greene County Republican Women's organization.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Parvin is one such estimable person who evinces a lifetime of the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a long time and active member of the Republican party, Mrs. Parvin is the only living charter member of the Greene County Republic Women's organization; and

WHEREAS, she was the coordinator of the Republican Women's Clubs for the State of Tennessee under the leadership of Congressman and Mrs. B. Carroll Reece; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parvin graduated from New York School of Dunn and Bradstreet Business and Investments, as well as New York School of Interior Design, and she received an honorary degree from Tusculum College in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parvin has been involved in a variety of pursuits that work towards the betterment of Greene County and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she is particularly interested in providing continued attention to the history of Greene County, and she served two terms as president and director of the Greene County Heritage Trust; under her tenure, the Trust restored the old jail building, and instituted a program to recognize Greene County's 100 oldest farms; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parvin has been a director and active member of the Nathanael Greene Museum, and in 2009 she was presented the second annual “Natty Award” for her service and support to the museum; and

WHEREAS, she sponsored historical educational programs for hundreds of regional school children, including starting the “Growing Up in Greene” annual event that bring hundreds of 3rd graders to the museum to learn about the history of Greene County; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as a Trustee of B. Carroll Reece Museum in Johnson City and participated in the Governor’s commission to restore the State Capitol Building in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parvin has been a member of Oak Grove Cemetery Association and assisted in obtaining perpetual care for it; and

WHEREAS, she served as president and treasurer of Greenville-Greene County Library for several years, as well as treasurer and financial advisor during the building of the new library; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parvin served as a Trustee at Tusculum College for six years; she established the Nancy and Fred H. Parvin Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of her husband in 1983; and

WHEREAS, she is the former president of the Youth Builders Club, which presented her the Lifetime Achievement Award for Civic Work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parvin was a Girl Scout leader in Greeneville, working to inspire women of all ages; she also served as a director of the Appalachia Girl Scout Council for several years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parvin was a member of the Community Concerts Association, and she established the program for Concert Belles; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parvin enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Fred Parvin, until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parvin is a devout member of First Presbyterian Church, where she has served as ruling elder, a Sunday School teacher, and president of the Church's women's association; and

WHEREAS, she considers her greatest joy to have been the building of Christ Chapel on Main Street in Greeneville; it is her gift to God in appreciation for her life with her husband; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parvin is an astute student of art, politics, business, investment, hospitality, and bridge, as well as an avid traveler; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parvin is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Parvin is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING that we honor and thank Nancy Parvin for her years of dedicated service to Greene County and the State of Tennessee as the only living charter member of the Greene County Republican Women's organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.